Juan G. Garza d/b/a Platinum Plumbing RN107159139 Docket No. 2016-0035-SLG-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

Absence of management practices designed to ensure compliance.

Media:

SLG

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

4553 Winchester Lane, Robstown, Nueces County

Type of Operation:

registered sludge transporter business

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: None Past-Due Penalties: None

Past-Due Fees: \$693.43 (PHS Account No. 0804800H – referred to

collection)

Other: None Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: October 7, 2016

Comments Received: None

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$41,986

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$1,176

Total Due to General Revenue: \$40,810

Payment Plan: 35 payments of \$1,166 each

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN – Unclassified Site/RN – Unclassified

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: None

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): December 17, 2014

Complaint Information: Alleges a sludge transporter is forging trip tickets.

Date(s) of Investigation: December 19, 2014

Date(s) of NOV(s): N/A

Date(s) of NOE(s): February 20, 2015

Violation Information

Failed to properly and correctly maintain a record of each individual collection and deposit of sewage sludge [30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 312.145(a) and (b)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

None

Technical Requirements:

- 1. Within 30 days:
 - a. Begin maintaining complete records of each individual collection and deposit in the form of trip tickets;
 - b. Update the Business's operational guidance and conduct employee training to ensure that all trip tickets are properly filled out, including disposal facility information
- 2. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Technical Requirement Nos. 1.a. and 1.b.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: June 22, 2016; July 11, 2016

Date Answer Filed: N/A

Settlement Date: September 2, 2016

Contact Information

TCEO Attorneys: Elizabeth Carroll Harkrider, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400

Ryan Rutledge, Litigation Division, (512) 239-3400 Rudy Calderon, Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Alejandro Laje, Enforcement Division, (512) 239-2547

TCEQ Regional Contact: Melanie Edwards, Corpus Christi Regional Office, (361) 825-3100

Respondent Contact: Juan G. Garza, 4542 Winchester Lane, Robstown, Texas 78380

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014

PAYABLE PENALTY

PCW Revision March 26 2014

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Economic Benefit Worksheet							
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Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN107159139						
Media Water Quality Violation No. 1						Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
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Delayed Costs				7			
Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling	\$250	19-Dec-2014	28-Sep-2016	1.78	\$22	n/a	\$22
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Notes for DELAYED costs	Estimated cost to update operational procedures to ensure that: all required records are maintained and made available for review upon request, including accurate and complete trip tickets; and waste is disposed only at facilities authorized to accept septic tank waste. Date required is the initial investigation date and the final date is the expected date of compliance.						
Avoided Costs	Avoided Costs ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)						led costs)
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$10,736	11-Jul-2014	4-Aug-2014	0.00	\$0	\$10,736	\$10,736
Notes for AVOIDED costs	Estimated avoided cost of disposing septic tank waste (53,680 gallons X \$0.20) at an authorized facility. Date required is the date of the first trip ticket and the final date is the date of the last trip ticket.						
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$10,986			TOTAL		\$10,758

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Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN604541334, RN107159139, Rating Year 2015 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2015.

Customer, Respondent, CN604541334, GARZA, JUAN G. Classification: UNCLASSIFIED Rating: -----

or Owner/Operator:

Regulated Entity: RN107159139, PLATINUM PLUMBING Classification: UNCLASSIFIED Rating: -----

Complexity Points: 1 Repeat Violator: NO

CH Group: 14 - Other

Location: 4553 WINCHESTER LANE, ROBSTOWN, NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region: REGION 14 - CORPUS CHRISTI **ID Number(s):** SLUDGE REGISTRATION 24835

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2010 to August 31, 2015 Rating Year: 2015 Rating Date: 09/01/2015

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: December 17, 2015

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: December 17, 2010 to December 17, 2015

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Alejandro Laje Phone: (512) 239-2547

Site and Owner/Operator History:

1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?

2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO

3) If **YES** for #2, who is the current owner/operator? N/A

4) If **YES** for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A

5) If **YES**, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

IN/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

N/A

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

N/A

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§
CONCERNING	§
JUAN G. GARZA DBA	§
PLATINUM PLUMBING;	§
RN107159139	§

BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2016-0035-SLG-E

Respondent understands that he has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including the right to formal notice of violations, to request an evidentiary hearing, receive notice of an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Order, Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Order are binding upon Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent owns and operates a registered sludge transporter business located at 4553 Winchester Lane in Robstown, Nueces County, Texas (the "Business"). The Business involves the management and/or disposal of municipal solid waste, as defined in Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361. Respondent holds Sludge Transporter Registration No. 24835, issued by the TCEQ on March 21, 2014, which authorizes Respondent to collect and transport sewage sludge and similar waste. Therefore, Respondent is subject to TCEQ jurisdiction pursuant to 30 Tex. Admin. Code ch. 312, Subchapter G.
- 2. During an investigation commenced on December 19, 2014, an investigator documented that Respondent failed to properly and correctly maintain a record of each individual collection and deposit of sewage sludge. Specifically, Respondent provided trip tickets (the "trip tickets") indicating that septic tank waste was collected on July 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, and 31, 2014 and on August 1

and 4, 2014 and was disposed of at 101 Bar Ranch. However, 101 Bar Ranch documented that Respondent had not disposed of any waste at 101 Bar Ranch after July 7, 2014. Furthermore, the trip tickets did not include Respondent's correct TCEQ transporter registration number, the location of the facility where the waste was deposited, and the name of the facility on-site representative acknowledging receipt of the waste.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to Tex. Water Code ch. 26, Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361, and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, Respondent failed to properly and correctly maintain a record of each individual collection and deposit of sewage sludge, in violation of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 312.145(a) and (b).
- 3. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.051, TCEQ has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against Respondent for violations of state statutes within TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of forty-one thousand nine hundred eighty-six dollars (\$41,986.00) is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. WATER CODE § 7.053. Respondent paid one thousand one hundred seventy-six dollars (\$1,176,00) of the penalty. The remaining amount of forty thousand eight hundred ten dollars (\$40,810.00) shall be paid in thirty-five (35) monthly payments of one thousand one hundred sixty-six dollars (\$1,166.00) each. The first monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until the penalty is paid in full. If Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Order, including the payment schedule, the Executive Director may, at his option, accelerate the maturity of the remaining installments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, Respondent's failure to meet the payment schedule of this Order and/or the acceleration of any remaining balance constitutes the failure by Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Order.

ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and Respondent's compliance with all requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Penalty payments

shall be made payable to TCEQ and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Juan G. Garza d/b/a Platinum Plumbing, Docket No. 2016-0035-SLG-E" to:

Financial Administration Division Revenue Operations Section Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Order:
 - i. Begin maintaining complete records of each individual collection and deposit in the form of trip tickets, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 312.145; and
 - ii. Update the Business's operational guidance and conduct employee training to ensure that all trip tickets are properly filled out, including disposal facility information, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 312.145.
 - b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions Nos. 2.a.i. and 2.a.ii. The certification shall be accompanied by detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts, and/or other records, shall be signed by Respondent, and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The written certification and supporting documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with these Ordering Provisions shall be sent to:

Order Compliance Team Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Enforcement Division, MC 149A P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

and:

Waste Section Manager Corpus Christi Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality NRC Building, Suite 1200 6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5839 Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5839

- 3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 4. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent. Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Business operations referenced in this Order.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
- 6. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Order. Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 7. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") to: (1) enforce the terms of this Order, or (2) pursue violations of a statute within TCEQ's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by TCEQ under such a statute. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the OAG for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 8. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable, and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.
- 9. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
- 10. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format

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11. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Foi	r the Commission	Date
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ag the	the undersigned, have read and understand ree to the attached Order, and I do agree to erein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, nount, is materially relying on such represent	the terms and conditions specified in accepting payment for the penalty
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	A negative impact on compliance history;	
	Greater scrutiny of any permit applications;	
•	Referral of this case to the Attorney General additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or	
	Increased penalties in any future enforcement	ent actions;
•	Automatic referral to the Attorney General's actions; and	Office of any future enforcement
•	TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by	law.
	addition, I understand that any falsification sult in criminal prosecution.	of any compliance documents may
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